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Addendum

PROGRAMME QUESTIONS: UNITED NATIONS REFORM: MEASURES AND PROPOSALS (item 2 (b))

PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1998-1999 (item 2 (a))

Section 2A. Political affairs

1. At its 33rd meeting, on 15 October 1997, the Committee considered section 2A, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 contained in document A/52/303.

2. The Committee discussed activities relating to subprogramme 5, General Assembly affairs, and subprogramme 6, Decolonization, of programme 1, Political affairs, and programme 26, Disarmament, of the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001,[1] under sections 1B and 2B.

Discussion

3. Information was requested on the activities relating to subprogramme 5, General Assembly affairs, and subprogramme 6, Decolonization, of programme 1, Political affairs, and programme 26, Disarmament, of the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001, which were proposed for transfer from the Department of Political Affairs to the newly created Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services and to the Department for Disarmament and Arms

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Regulation, respectively, as referred to in paragraph 2A.1 of the report of the Secretary-General (A/52/303).

4. Some delegations remarked that issuance of Secretary-General's Bulletin ST/SGB/1997/6, on the organization of the Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services, appeared to prejudge the General Assembly's action on the question as it had yet to approve the Secretary-General's measures and proposals on United Nations reform.

Notes

[1] Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 6 and corrigendum (A/51/6/Rev.1 and Rev.1/Corr.1).